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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 10-13 are new. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claim 6 has been amended to remove the terms "top" and "bottom" and replace them with "first" and "second." Therefore, the terms of claim 6 are considered to have proper antecedent basis, and this rejection should be removed.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Engelberger *et al.* in view of Kobayashi *et al.* The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite that the movable member is urged toward the second mold member with springs. Neither Engelberger *et al.* nor Kobayashi *et al.* shows this feature. While the office action fails to identify which part of Engelberger *et al.* corresponds to the claimed movable part, it appears that the mandrel 23 of Engelberger *et al.* corresponds to the claimed movable part. In the patent to Engelberger *et al.*, the mandrel 23 is not urged by springs. Therefore, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 10-13 are new. Claims 10-13 are dependent, directly or indirectly, on one of the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, claims 10-13 are considered to be patentable for the reasons given above with respect to the independent claims.

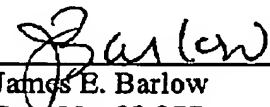
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In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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